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Applicant: James John Wilson et al.)
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application without prejudice as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the [0005] full paragraph, with the following paragraph [0005]:

[0005] The second is to vary the pitch of the cogs with a repeating pitch pattern, as disclosed by US Patents 4,264,314 and 4,832,670. US Patent 4,264,314 discloses a cog belt with reduced noise. The transverse groove depths, the groove angles, and the distance between the grooves are varied. Similar to US Patent 4,264,314, US Patent 4,832,670 also discloses multiple elements of the belt construction are varied simultaneously to produce a reduced noise belt. The belt is defined by a repeating sequence pattern along the length of the belt. For both belts, because of the number of variables that must be altered, construction of the belt may be more complex and costly. Also, the disclosed methods are less effective in reducing overall noise levels than inclining the transverse grooves and do not always eliminate the harmonic noise spikes.
